

## PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF HEAD LICE

Dear Parents

A child in your year level has contracted head lice.

All parents are asked to check their children's hair and treat if necessary.

Also each parent is asked to:

- ♦ check their child's hair for head lice every week. Every Friday is a good time, as treatment can take place over the weekend and school will not be missed. If all parents did this we would not have a problem.

The reason we ask children to tie their hair back is to eliminate the infestation of head lice.

Head lice continues to be the most common insect infestation in humans, particularly among children attending pre-primary and primary school.

As head lice are injured easily, combing twice daily and a regular wash with shampoo at least once a week may reduce the likelihood of infestation. But remember, head lice may infect anyone and may even prefer clean hair.

Once a child is infested with head lice they may return to school the day after treatment has commenced. Checking of immediate family members, relatives and playmates is advised followed by treatment if necessary.

### **Our Procedure at Infant Jesus is as follows:**

- ♦ If head lice are noticed, parents in the year level, are notified and informed that treatment is required.
- ♦ Other parents are informed through the newsletter to check their children's hair for head lice and treat if present.

At regular intervals notices are placed in the school newsletter reminding parents of the need to regularly check children's hair and treat when head lice are present.

